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December 16, 2020

Debra Braak
New Era Christian School
1901 Oak Ave
New Era, MI 49446

RE: License #: DC640017269
New Era Christian School
1901 Oak Ave
New Era, MI 49446

Dear Ms. Braak:

Attached is your renewal inspection report. You can find a copy of this renewal inspection report and any associated corrective action plans on our [website](#) under [Statewide Search for Licensed Child Care Centers and Homes](#). A description of when renewal inspection reports are completed can be found under [Overview of Licensing Reports](#).

During the renewal inspection on 12/16/2020, I found 2 violations listed below and explained in the attached report: listed below and explained in the attached report:

- R 400.8112 (2)(b) Comprehensive background check; fingerprinting
- R 400.8170 (11) Outdoor play area

Due to the violations, you must send us a corrective action plan by 01/05/2021. You can use our [corrective action plan](#) form or create your own.

If you need help writing the corrective action plan, please contact me. If you do not send a corrective action plan, you may face disciplinary action. **The corrective action plan must include the following:**

- **How compliance with each rule will be achieved.**
- **Who is directly responsible for implementing the corrective action for each violation.**
- **Specific time frames for each violation as to when the correction will be completed or implemented.**

- **How continuing compliance will be maintained once compliance is achieved.**
- **The signature of the responsible party and a date.**

Upon receipt of an acceptable corrective action plan, a regular license will be issued. You will receive it in the mail.

During calendar year 2019:	Total
Number of serious injuries that occurred in facility.	0
Number of deaths that occurred in the facility.	0
Number of substantiated cases of abuse and/or neglect of a child that occurred at the facility.	0

Please contact me with any questions. In the event that I am not available and you need to speak to someone immediately, please contact the local office at (616) 356-0183.

Per MCL 722.113g, this report and any related corrective action plans must be filed in your Licensing Notebook.

Sincerely,

Amanda Wendell

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**MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS
BUREAU OF COMMUNITY AND HEALTH SYSTEMS
RENEWAL INSPECTION REPORT**

I. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

License #: DC640017269

Licensee Name: New Era Christian School

Licensee Address: 1901 Oak Ave
New Era, MI 49446

Licensee Telephone #:

Licensee/Designee: Debra Braak, Designee

Name of Facility: New Era Christian School

Facility Address: 1901 Oak Ave
New Era, MI 49446

Facility Telephone #: (231) 861-5450

Original Issuance Date:

Capacity: 15

Age Range: Ages 2 years 6 months Thru 5 years 0 months

Program Components: PRESCHOOL

II. METHODS OF INSPECTION

Date of On-Site Inspection(s): 12/16/2020
 Date of Environmental Health Inspection: OVERDUE
 Date of Fire Safety Inspection: 12/09/2020
 Date of Lead Hazard Risk Assessment, if applicable: 08/26/2014
 Date of Documentation of Playground Compliance, if applicable: N/A

		No. of Records Reviewed
No. of children enrolled in care	7	7
No. of staff employed	2	2
No. of volunteers	0	0
No. of children present at time of inspection	6	
No. of staff present at time of inspection	2	
No. of volunteers present at time of inspection	0	
No. of children interviewed/observed	6	
Persons Interviewed:		
Licensee/Licensee Designee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Program Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Caregiving staff	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Approved Child Use Space: Preschool room (last room on the right), gymnasium
 Approved Program Director: Debra Braak, Jeannie Skoglund
 Approved Central Administrator: Phil Morse
 Approved Variances: none
 Key Indicator Inspection: no

III. DESCRIPTION OF FINDINGS & CONCLUSIONS

This renewal inspection involved a review of all applicable child care center administrative rules and statutes. Verification of compliance included direct observations of the physical environment and the program, discussions with staff, and a review of the center's records, including staff records and children's records. Staff records include background checks and training information. Children's records include child information cards, physical examination dates, and immunizations.

At the time of the onsite inspection, Ms. Skoglund was present with six child care children. I observed the children engaged in various art projects, free play, and snack time. I observed positive interactions between children and caregivers.

During the inspection, the center was found to be in compliance with all applicable rules and statutes except for the following violations:

R 400.8112 Comprehensive background check; fingerprinting.

(2) An applicant or licensee shall do all of the following:

(b) Maintain a copy of the completed and signed form or forms for each individual entered into the child care background check system under the license.

Ms. Braak did not ensure that her signed consent and disclosure form was maintained at the center.

R 400.8170 Outdoor play area.

(11) The playground equipment, use zones, and surfacing in the outdoor play area must be inspected by a certified playground safety inspector and an approval granted for playground equipment and areas used before issuance of an original license, upon request of the department, and before using any newly added playground equipment. The center shall provide documentation of the inspection to the department upon request and shall keep it on file at the center.

Ms. Braak did not ensure that children only use play equipment that has been inspected and approved by a certified playground safety inspector. Children have been playing on a structure that has been deemed unsafe by the playground inspector.

REPEAT VIOLATION ESTABLISHED

LSR Dated 12/10/2018

CAP Dated 01/16/2019

During the exit conference, technical assistance/consultation was provided regarding the following:

- Currently your Child Care Background Check system identifies Mr. Morse as the Licensee Designee and Ms. Braak as the Program Director. Mr. Morse should be listed as a child care staff member and Ms. Braak as Licensee Designee/Program Director. This must be updated before I can renew your license.
- When I arrived for the onsite inspection, attendance had not been completed for the day but was accurate when looking at previous days. Please make sure staff and children are signed in and out daily.
- The center's posting regarding background checks for employees and unsupervised volunteers was outdated. I provided Ms. Skoglund with the updated information to post.
- Ms. Skoglund's name, address, and telephone number must be located in her file.

- Ms. Braak was unable to locate her first aid/CPR card but will email that to me when she locates it.

IV. RECOMMENDATION

Upon receipt of an acceptable corrective action plan and correction of the CCBC account, I recommend renewal of this child care center license.

Amanda Wendell

12/16/2020

Amanda Wendell
Licensing Consultant

Date